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February 3, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FMD0002029 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2003, East Maintenance Area, Unit 2, vicinities of La Puente, Diamond Bar, Claremont, Glendora, and Walnut (1, 4, and 5), United Pacific Services, with changes in the amount of \$6,281.00, and a final contract amount of \$147,497.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014312 - Sierra Highway, vicinity of Palmdale (5), Granite Construction Company, with changes amounting to a credit of \$3,947.04, and a final contract amount of \$238,567.96.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FMD0002029 and RDC0014312.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts are a credit of \$3,947.04 and an increase in the amount of \$6,281.00, while the total values of the contracts are \$238,567.96 and \$147,497.00 respectively.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002029, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2003,  
EAST MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 2 (in the vicinities of La Puente, Diamond Bar,  
Claremont, Glendora, and Walnut), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5

Contractor: United Pacific Services, 1740 North Hills Drive, La Habra, California 90231

Project Description:

Cleaning of 11,768 catch basins at various locations in the east area of the County.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$4,041.00
(2) Clean and Stencil City of Covina Catch Basins	336.00
(3) Clean and Stencil County Catch Basins	<u>1,904.00</u>
Total	<u>\$6,281.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) The City of Covina requested cleaning and stenciling of 21 additional city catch basins. The City will reimburse the County for the cost of this work which was not shown on the plans.

(3) The Contractor was directed to clean and stencil 119 additional catch basins in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. This work was not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. A portion of the costs for Items 2 and 3 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract. The remainder of the costs was based on contract unit prices.

Three additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 17, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$141,216.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>6,281.00</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$147,497.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014312, SIERRA HIGHWAY (in the vicinity of Palmdale),  
Supervisory District 5

Contractor: Granite Construction Company, P.O. Box 50085, Watsonville,  
California 95077-5085

Project Description:

Chip sealing of roadway pavement.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$4,027.04)
(2) Caltrans Permit Fee	<u>80.00</u>
Total	(\$ <u>3,947.04</u> )

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) As stated in the contract specifications, it was necessary to reimburse the contractor for a Caltrans Encroachment Permit fee.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was based on the actual cost of the permit as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on August 29, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$242,515.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(3,947.04)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$238,567.96</u>

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